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5 Applicant: RICHARD E. STAERZL Docket No.: M09741

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Title: METHOD FOR PROTECTING A MARINE PROPULSION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

15 Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

20 Claims 16, 17, and 30 have been canceled. Claims 1, 14, 15, 18, 29, and 31 have been amended. The Amendment leaves claims 1-15, 18-29, and 31-37 pending.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.